Historical Marker - L239 - Thomas Edison (Marker ID#:L239)





Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 1973 Erected Date: 1973

Marker Location

Address: 198 Grand Street

City: Mount Clemens

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Macomb

Township:

Lat: 42.59888200 / Long: -82.89217300

Web URL:

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Thomas Edison

While working as a railway newsboy on the Detroit-Port Huron line, Tom Edison often stopped in Mount Clemens. He made friends with station agent J. U. Mackenzie and in 1862 saved Mackenzie's young son from death by a train. In gratitude Mr. Mackenzie taught Tom Edison railroad telegraphy. From his training Tom became a qualified railroad telegrapher and worked during the 1860s at this occupation. Some of his earliest inventions were based on the telegraph.

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